

# Family Update

4th November 2022



## Updates

Hi everyone,

We've had a lovely week in school and it's great to see all the children back from their half term holidays. We have been concentrating on Autumn themed topics within school and the development of independence and vocational skills working for the Lichfield Foodbank, the Chasewater Craft Barn, Dobbies Garden Centre and the Sainsburys at Shenstone.

**Save Our Sleepover Campaign;** Good News, we have now set up a special inbox dedicated to collecting your emails to support keeping our Sleepover Club open beyond summer 2023. If you are happy to share e.g. photo stories showing how challenging it is to support your children's additional needs, this could really help illustrate the difficulties children and families face when trying to access activities and places, where others may take this for granted. If you are happy to share this kind of material with us, please send it across to [SOS@saxon.set.org](mailto:SOS@saxon.set.org) and we shall share it on our social media, our local media and forward it onto our list of MPs, Councillors and Local Authority officials.

Follow this link to find out how Staffordshire County Council are offering some **support to struggling families** with their [Cost of Living Support Here to Help](#) initiatives.

We wish you a happy, healthy weekend, from Your Leadership Team

**Here to help - cost of living support**



## School Photos

The school photographer will be visiting Saxon Hill on **Monday 28th November** to take individual photographs of your child.

If you would like a **group photo** of your child and their **sibling(s)**, please complete slip set via text and be at the school cafe at 8:20 on Monday 28th November. You will need to access the cafe via the external door (no access through school). This door can be found through the green gates located on the left of the main school entrance, follow the path round to the back of the school building.

**If your child is leaving school early on school photo day for any reason, please let the office know via call or email so we can ensure their photo is taken before collection.**

All pupils (excluding Nursery and those in the Towards Independence department) should wear their school uniform for their photograph.



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## What we have been up to this week ...



**Happy 16th Birthday Tarka!**

### Parents Recommend

If you have any recommendations for activities, places or groups that you think other parents and /or pupils would enjoy, please email it to:

[emily.thompson@saxon.set.org](mailto:emily.thompson@saxon.set.org)

We will aim to include these in future newsletters to help share all your expert knowledge.



### Key Dates

**Wednesday 16th November 1:30-2:30** - Communication Workshop for parents (PODD/ Makaton focus)

**Monday 14th - Friday 18th November** - Anti-bullying Week

**Friday 18th November** - Children in Need "Spotacular". Please wear spotty clothes if possible.

**Monday 28th November** - School Photographer

**Friday 2nd December 9:30 - 11:00** - Explorers Department Christmas Craft Workshop for parents

**Tuesday 6th December** - Rudolph Run





## Children in Need



This year we will be supporting Children in Need on **Friday 18th November**. The theme this year will be a "**Spotacular**", with pupils and staff invited wear spotty clothes for the day.

We will also be holding a **Pudsey Market** at 10.00-11.30, which parents are invited to join us for. We are also asking for teddy bears looking for a new loving home to be kindly donated for this.

There will also be lots of other stalls running throughout the day, involving arts and crafts, games and tasty treats, to help raise as much money as we can.

Thank you in advance for all your support.



Friends of Saxon Hill Academy

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# Christmas Crafting Drop-In Workshops

EVERY FRIDAY IN NOVEMBER  
9.30 - 2.30  
COMMUNITY ROOM, TESCO EXTRA LICHFIELD  
(PLEASE SIGN IN AT CUSTOMER SERVICES)





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ENTRY**



# THE GRINCH THAT STOLE SAXON HILL ACADEMY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2022**

**1PM - 4PM**

**MARKET STALLS | FUN GAMES & ACTIVITIES | £3 TO VISIT  
SANTA INC GIFT | MEET THE GRINCH**

**SAXON HILL ACADEMY, KING'S HILL ROAD, LICHFIELD, WS14 9DE**